



THE CITY OF
CANTON
WILLIAM J. HEALY II, MAYOR

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church and Parish
On its 100th Anniversary!**

Dear St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church and Parish:

On behalf of the City of Canton, I extend my congratulations and best wishes on the church's 100th Anniversary on February 10, 2013. As you celebrate this momentous occasion, it is important to remember that a small group of 50 Greek immigrants came together in 1913 to establish the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Canton, Ohio. What courage it took to leave the homeland, arrive in the United States, and begin new lives.

St. Haralambos was built at the location of 6th Street and Walnut South. In 1958, the church was divided into two pieces and each half was carefully picked up and moved to its current location at 25th Street and Harvard Northwest, in order to expand. It took 26 days to move the church four miles through downtown Canton.

Today, as your members celebrate a century of religious practice in Canton, St. Haralambos' remains a "church on the move." Over 500 families reach out and care for current members while supporting the community of Canton - welcoming those in need and offering guidance.

In closing, I would like to once again congratulate St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church and Parish on its 100th Anniversary and express my gratitude for the numerous contributions the church has made to our community over the years.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. J. Healy II". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William J. Healy II
Mayor, City of Canton